

Excerpts from *Deeper Reading: Comprehending Challenging Texts*

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How to Bartle Puzballs

There are tork gooboos of puzballs, including laplies, mushos, and fushos. Even if you bartle the puzballs that tovo inny and onny of the pern, they do not brunto any lipples. In order to geemee a puzball that gruntos lipples, you should bartle the fusho who has rarckled the parshtootoos after her humply fluflu.

1. How many gooboos of puzballs are there?
2. What are laplies, mushos, and fushos?
3. Even if you bartle the puzballs that tovo inny and onny of the pern, they will not what?
4. How can you geemee a puzball that gruntos lipples?

How'd you do? Here's the answer key:

1. There are tork gooboos of puzballs.
2. Laplies, mushos, and fushos are tork gooboos of puzballs.
3. They will not grunto any lipples.
4. You should bartle the fusho who has rarckled her parshtootoos after her humply fluflu.

"This exercise illustrates that we can assign reading in our classrooms, give students shallow reading assessments, and have students pass them. On the surface, everything looks fine: the students read the text and are able to answer the questions. But in reality, do they really understand what they have read? When you ask them to analyze, to synthesize, they can't do it. Unfortunately, there's a lot of "puzball level" reading going on."